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SUBJECT: BELGIAN CONTRIBUTION FOLKLORE FESTIVAL

MEETING OF CULTURAL MINISTRY REPS, BOONE, LEMPEREUR, HELD MAES  
OFFICE NOVEMBER 3, AS PLANNED.

1. BOONE AND LEMPEREUR HAVE FOUND 14 CANDIDATES, ALL  
READY TO TRAVEL TO U.S., EVENLY DIVIDED BETWEEN TWO CULTURAL  
GROUPS. ADDING BOONE AND LEMPEREUR, EACH OF WHOM FULLY EXPECTS  
TO COME, BELGIAN CONTINGENT WILL TOTAL 16.

2. EVEN IF NETHERLANDS FALLS OUT, BELGIANS MOST RELUCTANT  
ADD PERFORMERS. THEY FEEL THEY HAVE FOUND FIRST-CLASS PEOPLE,  
BUT HAVE BEEN BARELY ABLE MEET QUOTA. ANY ADDITIONAL NOMINEES  
WOULD REPRESENT IMMEDIATE, SHARP FALL-OFF IN QUALITY.

3. TIME. ALL AGREE JULY 18 DEPARTURE BUT EMPHASIZE PRESENCE  
IN U.S. MUST NOT RPT NOT EXCEED THREE WEEKS.

4. NAMES INSTRUMENTS, BIO DATA OF PERFORMERS WILL BE  
AIRMAILED NEXT WEEK.

5. FYI: MAES SENDING TWO OTHER GROUPS SEPARATELY TO U.S., ONE  
FLEMISH, ONE WALLOON. NUMBERS AND DATES NOT YET FIXEM,  
BUT HE WILL KEEP US INFORMED. SUGGESTS ONE GROUP OR THE OTHER  
MIGHT BE USEFUL AS FILL-IN ETHNIC TOURS FOR THE FOURTH WEEK.  
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6. LUXEMBOURG PARTICPATION NOT DISCUSSED AT NOVEMBER 3

MEETING. LET US KNOW IF WE SHOULD CONTACT LEPEREUR THIS REGARD.  
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